

Project Wet Activity: Imagine!

The Puddle:

It is a beautiful Arizona day the sky is partly cloudy yesterday was a monsoon the clouds are all moving away allowing the sun to peak through the ground is damp animals are coming out of their homes to see if the rain has stopped Imagine a big puddle outside the school it is surrounded by other puddles and many students walking around them you are a water molecule in the puddle moving gently back and forth you can feel other water molecules around you you are all gently moving against each other touching close the biggest guy in school comes up to your puddle with all his friends takes a deep breath SPLASH he jumps right into your rhythm you bounce into the other water molecules in the midst of the chaos the sun peeks its way out from the clouds and starts to warm the surface of your puddle the other molecules push you closer to the surface now you are right at the surface you begin to move more rapidly the warmth and energy of the sun continue to beat against you you get a surge of energy and move more quickly suddenly you burst

from the surface you are released into the air you have left the other molecules and gently float alone invisible to the human eye.

The Atmosphere:

You drift into the air rising cautiously you look, with anticipation, around the great space, curious what will happen next you can see the puddle below and wonder if the others will join you the puddle grows more distant you continue to rise you start to see other water molecules around you but they are on their own you cannot reach out and touch them they, like you, continue to float and rise into the atmosphere as you rise, it is getting cooler your movement becomes slower a tiny particle floats by you you can reach this one you grab on to it another water molecule grabs on to the same particle then another and another you all begin to bond to each other making the particle grow bigger and bigger you look around eagerly and see other particles with water molecules attached everything around you begins to form patterns the patterns are like giant, beautiful, diamonds light passes through these ice crystals and creates prisms and tiny rainbows more and more water molecules come

together you feel them surround you you are becoming heavier heavier heavier you begin to fall

The Rain:

You are falling faster faster as you are falling you start to feel the warmth of the sun and light you start to melt into one water drop, bonded with the other water molecules the wind starts blowing you sideways you see trees and canyons down below you land on the surface of the ground you move back and forth around you water molecules begin to slip away they seem to move downward, sliding along you and surrounding water molecules are suddenly released and begin to slide

Sabino Canyon:

As you tumble downward, you feel other water molecules push together around you suddenly you burst to the surface the sun is bright the air is fresh and dry it rejuvenates you all around you there are water molecules traveling quickly all moving down a canyon more groups of molecules join you more and more all traveling down quickly as you travel you see trees and bushes you come upon a large tree you can't stop you run

into it and bump against the roots to slow down

Into the Ground:

Gravity begins to pull at you you seep into the ground, weaving among sand and soil particles flowing underground is like moving in slow motion through a dark obstacle course you are now deep underground, surrounded by soil particles suddenly, your movement seems to be more horizontal, the pressure of the other molecules behind you pushes you along it appears lighter up ahead you and surrounding molecules spring out of the ground tumbling over ground, you continue your gradual descent to the foot of the mountain

Water falls:

Gradually you start to speed up you look ahead, but all you see is the end of the canyon more and more water molecules collect together you rapidly approach the edge and speculate how far the drop is you start to make the long descent towards the big pool at the bottom.

The Giant Pool:

After falling into the water pool, other particles swirl around you you and other water molecules work together to carry the particles you move more slowly now there

is a slight slope the slower you go the less energy you have to carry the particles the particles slip from your grasp and sink but you move on ever so slowly the water moves toward the open all around are kids playing and parents sun bathing there are loud noises and chaos surrounding you eventually you feel a change all around you are new materials molecules of different substances they are strongly attracted to you there are some salts from the sand below that dissolve into you they fill in the gaps between you and other water molecules you and other particles continue to move back and forth just like in the puddle

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What Next?

There are many options open to you where will you go? the sun's energy may invigorate you, you could break away and float into the sky again other water molecules may hold on to you, you could swirl around the surface gravity may pull at you, you could explore the darkness of the deep you may be absorbed by one of the children's swim shorts there goes a fish swimming by, now there's a possibility imagine where you will go next picture it in your mind when you know where you are or will go, when you are ready, open your eyes|.....

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